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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, Utilization Advisory Board

SUBJECT: TALENT Utilization Procedures
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2. Since SHAPE assigns targets to tactical units in priority based on SHAPE target priorities lists, it is imperative that these lists be both timely and accurate.

3. Air Force has authorized USAFE to make the necessary corrections to the USAFE Air Facilities Lists and the Nuclear Yield Requirements Manual without reference to source. Also, authority has been granted for USAFE to advise SHAPE that certain airfields have been returned to cultivation, and should be deleted as targets; that previously unknown fields should be added; or that due to increased runway length or addition of facilities, an airfield should be placed in a higher priority list.

4. Air Force has directed USAFE to insure that procedures are so implemented to insure that the source is not revealed in any way. Further it was requested that finished intelligence incorporating TALENT materials should be a composite of so much other materials as to minimize the chance of non-cleared personnel deducing the TALENT ingredient.

5. The above is being brought to your attention as a matter of information since the UAB has already granted approval for the utilization of TALENT information in Air Force target materials which are to be released from the system. We consider the USAFE request to fall within the purview of this authority.

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